Please do NOT consider weakening the Indiana Telephone Privacy laws.
A lot of us have to work the night shift and try to get some sleep in
the daytime. Before the law came into effect, our phone would ring
almost no-stop. It is not practical for us to take the phone off the
hook in case the school needs to call us if one of our children gets hurt or
sick at school. Our parents are also elderly and have physical problems. They
may need to call us if they have an emergency.
I don't really understand why telemarketers feel that they have the
"RIGHT" to call me when I've made it clear that I don't want to be
bothered. I consider it harassment on their part. I do not order
anything or donate to anybody that calls me on the phone. I pay the bill to
have my phone service. I do not think I should have to pay my bill every month
just to be awakened and harassed all day. Perhaps if they have the "RIGHT" to
call me, then I should have the "RIGHT" to charge them $10.00 for every phone
call as an advertising fee. Just like the 'free' internet services, if I get it
for free, then I have to put up with all the advertisements that come with it.
However, my phone is not free and I should not have to put up with
advertisements.
    By signing up on the Do Not Call list, I've made it clear that I do
not want to be called. I should have that right. Besides, it is doing
telemarketers a favor by letting them know that I'm not interested in what they
are selling, etc., and that they should not waste their time calling me. Why
would they want to call me when I'm not going to buy from them, donate to them,
etc. anyway????
    Being on the Do Not Call list has been WONDERFUL! Now when the phone rings,
I know it's somebody I want to talk to. I'm also able to finally get some sleep
after working all night. More than a million people have signed up to be on the
list. Doesn't that tell the telemarketers that people are fed up with being
harassed? We finally have a law that is extremely beneficial to a lot of
Hoosiers. Please don't mess up a great thing.